

LAKE BOAT MARVEL OF MECHANICAL INGENUITY

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The culpability of any Government officials in not securing the best submarine boat when available may be the cause of a foreign war which would cost that government billions of dollars and countless lives and possibly humiliation and loss of national prestige.

In a letter to the Secretary of War, on February 21, 1906, President Roosevelt says:

"The citizens of our country owe it to themselves and to their children and to their children's children that there shall be no chance of having national honor tarnished, the national flag stained with aught that is discreditable."

Then Why Should Not the United States Have the Best Proved Submarine Boat in the World—The Lake Even-Kee?

Before referring to the merits of the bill now under discussion I desire to call your attention to the fact that the submarine boat question is an extraordinary one, it having been a problem to the whole world for centuries. Master minds of many countries have sought to solve it practically for generations. Many governments, including the United States, have expended millions of dollars experimenting on submarines, and I say rightfully so—and yet the submarine question is still unsolved in the officialdom of the United States today.

Therefore, the United States Government, when there is an opportunity so close at hand to solve the problem, is warranted in making a further appropriation, particularly when all of the prominent governments of the world are making great efforts and spending millions of dollars to accomplish this result with the greatest advantage to themselves.

I venture the assertion that you, gentlemen, have heard the rumblings of dissatisfaction in connection with the action of the Naval Authorities of the United States in not having already solved this problem, or perhaps of its failure to embrace a proffered opportunity to help solve it through the efforts of Simon Lake, who has been backed by the substantial and reliable offers of The Lake Torpedo Boat Company during several years past.

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I ask you in all fairness to The Lake Torpedo Boat Company and to the United States and the American people, to contrast the foregoing fact with those which follow:

First—That the United States has expended millions of dollars and lost several years of valuable time in trying to have the problem solved by the subsidizing of a specially favored company, and to the exclusion from competition of every other inventor of submarine boats in the United States.

Second—That said favored company has repeatedly, year after year, failed to solve the problem with a practical, useful product for the purpose desired.

Third—That the United States is today depending solely upon this same favored company, without any prospect of any greater success than in the past, while foreign governments are leaving the United States far behind in submarine matters.

Fourth—That the same favored company has now a Bill—H. R. 10,070—before your honorable committee, calling for an appropriation of upwards of three millions of dollars more, and stipulating conditions that would absolutely prevent the United States from testing or accepting a submarine boat of any other type, for years to come, no matter how perfect a one might be offered or how great might be the need of same.

Thus, the United States Government is today hovering the monopoly as a hen hovers her chickens under her wings, and does not even appear to be considering whether it is hovering an American chicken or a British chicken.

The said favored company was not in law or equity or business principles entitled to the exclusive contracts for the \$850,000, which it received from the 1905 Act. Because they opposed its passage to their utmost on account of its provision for "Competition" and because the letter and intent of the Act of Congress under which the money was appropriated was disregarded and not carried out in regard to Competition, which could easily have taken place, and as it was insisted upon by the Lake Company.

While the favored company could not defeat competition in Congress, it did defeat the will and intent of Congress at the threshold of the Navy Department.

The Lake Torpedo Boat Company made vigorous and honorable efforts

to have both its submarine boats, "Protector" and "Simon Lake X," tested in Competition with a Government Holland submarine, as provided for in the Submarine Acts of 1904 and 1905, but when it was refused Competition, it refrained from taking certain action. * * *

The Lake Torpedo Boat Company, then, for self-preservation, was compelled to seek other fields. In so doing it was thus placed in competition with the submarine market of the world, and it is a fact that in the face of the keenest competition of every submarine boat builder in Europe and America The Lake Boat Company was the only one that received additional orders for its boats, which in the aggregate have amounted to several millions of dollars.

It is thus evident that The Lake Torpedo Boat Company has converted its failure of official recognition at home into an overwhelming victory abroad, but the United States lost an early opportunity to get the best and only practical submarine boat in the world.

You will readily perceive the bill now before you is a clean-cut business proposition, and that the United States has all to gain and nothing to lose. The Lake Torpedo Boat Company is offering to the United States, without cost of responsibility, the solution of this World submarine problem for which the United States has already expended and is still expending—in vain—millions of dollars.

The terms as expressed in the said bill are so just and reasonable, and the benefits and results are of such magnitude and incalculable importance to the United States, that business judgment should perceive this favorable proposal on the part of The Lake Torpedo Boat Company, which, if accepted, will, in the language of Lieutenant Tomb, U. S. N., advance this Government to the front rank among nations, in submarine matters.

VIRGINIANS TO VISIT EXPO. SITE.

Commission Which Meets in Richmond Will Select Site for Building. (Special to the Daily Press.)

Richmond, Va., April 7.—The new Jamestown Exposition commission has been called by Governor Swanson to meet in Richmond on Monday for organization.

The governor will be president. The other members of the commission are Senator W. W. Sale, of Norfolk; Col. A. M. Bowman, of Salem; Hon. W. W. Baker, of Chesterfield; Hon. N. B. Early, of Green county; Hon. Robert W. Withers, of Suffolk; and Col. C. Fenton Day, of Smithfield.

After the organization of the commission which will be clothed with all the rights and powers in the matter and the responsibility for giving the state a representative display, it will map out its work and divide it among the commissioners, each of whom will assume the responsibility of a department that will be created to perfect the state's plans for buildings and exhibits.

After the adjournment of the Richmond meeting the commission will adjourn to Norfolk for the purpose of visiting the exposition grounds and selecting the site for the Virginia building, the object of the exposition company being to have the state site selected and approved with the least possible delay. This, it is thought, will be done either Tuesday or Wednesday.

At the conference the state commissioners and the exposition officials some definite plans will be arrived at for raising the money to further the desired end.

It is thought that steps will also be taken to interest the boards of supervisors in the 100 Virginia counties in the project.

WILLIAM AND MARY WINS.

Williamsburg College Men are Masters in the Art of Debating. (Special to the Daily Press.)

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., April 7.—The debate between William and Mary College and Randolph Macon, which has excited so much attention, was held here last night in the college chapel and was won by William and Mary.

William and Mary was represented by E. R. Faison and J. W. Hefflin; Randolph Macon by A. P. James and C. P. McClintie.

The chapel was beautifully decorated with pennants and prominently at 7 o'clock the doors were thrown open, the chapel library was rapidly filled with students, people from the town and many visitors from a distance. At 8 o'clock the debaters took their seats on the rostrum amid much applause.

The question for debate read: Resolved that it should be the policy of the United States not to hold territory permanently except with the purpose that it shall ultimately enjoy statehood.

Randolph Macon had the affirmative side of the question; William and Mary the negative. Mr. A. P. James opened the debate in a twenty minute speech. Mr. J. W. Hefflin then followed in a twenty minute speech. These two were followed in turn by Messrs. C. P. McClintie and E. R. Faison, each speaking for a period of twenty minutes. Five minutes was then allowed each man for reply. William and Mary having the last reply.

The decision was left to three judges: Hon. J. G. Pollard, of Richmond; Colonel George C. Cabell, of Norfolk; and Mr. D. A. Ritchie, of Richmond. The judges were fifteen minutes in reaching a decision. When they returned a deathly stillness prevailed over the audience. Colonel Cabell then made an interesting talk in which he complimented the representatives of both sides, awarding the decision in favor of William and Mary.

Between each speech music was furnished by Smith's band, of Newport News.

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is at your service. You can do your shopping in this way without difficulty and with the utmost satisfaction. This department was organized expressly for the convenience of our out-of-town customers and is in charge of a competent person, who takes the greatest care in the filling of all orders. Write to us for samples or any information concerning our merchandise; all inquiries cheerfully answered. Our MAIL ORDER BULLETIN, containing 1001 bargains will be sent free to any address.

Lovely Easter Millinery



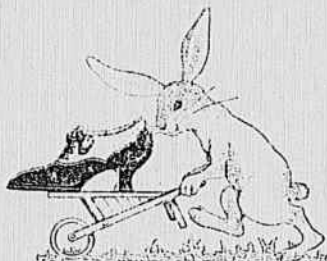
With the facilities in use here and at our command, we have been able to gather a larger showing of Trimmed Hats by at least a third than any previous year. It gives you a choice of the widest possible variety that is to be obtained in a price range from

\$5.00 to \$25.00.

This of course applies to hats that are ready to wear away from here hats that we brought over from the other side, together with adaptations and originations of our own. You may wish to have your hat trimmed to your liking or follow some little twist of style which our artisans may suggest as particularly appropriate to you. Here, too, we are equipped as never before—both in variety of trimmings and master hands who assemble them. You'll avoid the Easter rush if you place your order early this week.



Smart Easter Footwear



Ladies' Sailor Ties and Pumps. In patent colt and kid and gun metal calf; welted soles, stylish Cuban heels. This time usually sold at 3.50; our price **\$3.00**

Ladies' Patent Colt Oxfords. four large buttons, dull blaid top, Cuban heel, welted soles; made over the newest last, the **\$3.00**

Every woman of taste desires to be well gowned upon Easter, above all days of the year. And to every such woman correct, well fitting Shoes are not less essential than a becoming bonnet or faultless gloves.

We have provided the most complete selection of all the late spring styles for your choosing. New novelties in Oxford of the most fetching types—the new pump and other correct styles in all sizes, widths and leathers. Here are a few of them:

Ladies' Gibson Ties, patent kid vamp, dull quarter, hand turned sole, Cuban heel; same style shown also in suede, wide ribbon laces; the **\$3.50**

Ladies' White Canvas Slippers. made of the best white linen canvas; fancy embroidered vamps; graceful Cuban heels, wide ribbon laces; the **\$2.00**

Lovely Easter Neckwear

Beautiful embroidered linens; lace collars in new designs; neck stocks—also ribbons, ruchings and a host of dainty neckwear and novelties that will put the finishing touch to the Easter outfit.

Tailor-made Stock Collars. with tabs, trimmed with lace and embroidery medallions, straps, stitching and pearl buttons, a score of pretty patterns for your choosing, at 25c.

Lace Boleros, made of Point Venise, Valenciennes and other pretty lace patterns, a big variety for your choosing; variously priced from \$2.00 to \$5.98.

Persian Ribbons, exquisite floral, Dresden and Persian effects, rich and dainty color combinations, five inches wide, the yard, 50c.

Taffeta Ribbons fine quality, all silk, in all the pretty bright spring shades three to four inches wide, worth 20c; very special at 12 1-2c the yard.

Neck Ruchings, in collar lengths, plain white and fancy colors; all the favorite styles; very special, at 5c each.

Neck Ruchings, six assorted collar lengths, in a neat box, worth 35c very special at 25c the box.

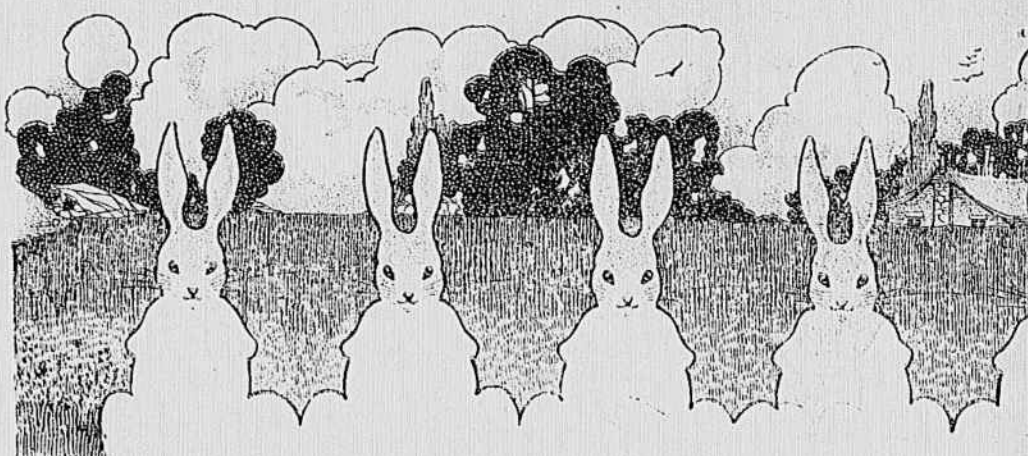


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Great Easter Display and Sale

OUR Spring opening display, repleant as it was with or tists, is surpassed in this great Easter exhibit and specially interesting we offer bona fide saving opportunities tha

Silk Suit At \$20.00

Made up in a fine quality of chiffon taffeta silk, in blue, pearl gray, black, Alice blue and reseda green. The jacket is the dainty new Eton model, with white moire silk, tuxedo collar and cuffs trimmed with Persian braid, elbow sleeves, detachable girdle. The skirt is the new circular model, with flare bottom and finished with three wide bias folds. Price, \$20.00.

Silk Suit At \$27.50.

Made of a beautiful quality of taffeta silk, in Alice blue, black, reseda green and navy blue. The jacket is the dainty new Eton model, with white silk tuxedo collar and cuffs, edged with fancy applique; elbow sleeves shirred at shoulder. The skirt is the new circular model cut very full and finished with four bias folds of the same material. Price, \$27.50.

White Mohair Suit At \$20.00

Made of the best quality mohair in a delicate shade of cream white. Double-breasted Eton jacket, with wide stitched down collar of white taffeta silk deep turn back cuffs of the same material, elbow sleeves, large pearl buttons, lined with same material, detachable girdle. New seven-gored circular skirt with wide bias fold around bottom. Price, \$20.00.

White Serge Suit At \$6.50 and \$20

Made of a fine quality of all-wool serge in a soft, rich shade of cream white. Nobby Pony jacket, with stitched down collar trimmed with white taffeta and white crocheted buttons, full length sleeves, with fancy turned back cuffs, semi-fitted back, satin-lined, pearl buttons. Seven-gored circular skirt, with flare bottom, finished with wide bias fold around bottom. Two beautiful styles that are very similar—at \$16.50 and \$20.00.



Ladies' Silk Waists at \$3.50

Beautiful China Silk Waists, in black and white, trimmed with a combination of German Val, Lace and insertion, and pin tucks; producing a very charming effect. Sleeves are cut full and daintily trimmed at cuffs with German Val; natty stock collars, all sizes at \$3.50.

Huck Towels, \$1.00 Doz.

Heavy linen union huck towels, hemmer ends, striped borders, size 18x34 inches; a size that is specially adapted to hotel and boarding-house use; regular 12 1-2c value; very special at 10c each, or \$1.00 the dozen.

Fruit-of-the-Loom Cotton worth 10c, for 8 3-4c

As an extra special for Monday, we will sell the famous Fruit-of-the-Loom Bleached Cotton for 8 3-4c the yard. Full yard wide and sold the world over at 10c the yard. No limit to quantity—take as much as you want.

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Dinner Sets, fine shell German China, beautiful floral decorations in three different patterns, 102 pieces in the set, worth \$12.98; special **\$9.98**

Glass Fruit Bowls, the newest shape, fancy imitation cut pattern, a good large useful size, worth 50c; special **39c**

Tall Colonial Bouquet Holders, in various sizes; fancy scalloped tops, made of best pressed glass; worth 19c; special **10c**

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